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SUBJECT: PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING REPORTS ON MARCH 1977  
PANAM-KLM JUMBO JET ACCIDENT

1. IN RESSONSE TO REQUESTS FROM SEVERAL RELATIVES, OR  
THEIR ATTORNEYS, OF US CITIZENS KILLED IN THE PAN AMERICAN-  
KLM JUMBO JET COLLISION AT TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS, ON  
MARCH 27, 1977, EMBASSY ON NOVEMBER 27, WROTE TO DIRECTOR  
GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORT, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COM-  
MUNICATIONS, AS TO PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING COPIES OF  
TECHNICAL REPORT AND JUDICIAL DECISIONS ON ACCIDENT. WE  
HAVE NOW RECEIVED REPLY, DATED DECEMBER 29, FROM LEGAL  
ADVISOR OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ALFONSO ARIAS DE LA  
CUESTA.

2. SR. ARIAS STATES THAT NEITHER THE CIVIL AVIATION  
TECHNICAL REPORT NOR THE JUDICIAL INQUIRY BY THE TENERIFE  
AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN COMPLETED YET. LATTER WAS INITIATED  
ON DAY OF ACCIDENT AS CASE 6/1977 OF THE LAS PALMAS  
JURISDICTION. SR. ARIAS FURTHER WRITES THAT COPIES OF THE  
REPORTS AND COURT RULINGS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US  
CITIZENS OR THEIR ATTORNEYS ONLY WHEN THEY BRING A CASE  
BEFORE A SPANISH COURT AND THE COURT RULES THAT THE REPORTS  
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CONSTITUTE EVIDENCE FOR CIVIL OR CRIMINAL JUDGEMENT. WITH  
LEGARD TO THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR COPY OF THE TECHNICAL  
REPORT, AS PROVIDED IN ANNEX 13 OF ICAO STATUTE, SR. ARIAS  
WRITES THAT COPY WILL BE PROVIDED "AS SOON AS PUBLISHED".

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE  
FOR REPLIES TO FUTURE INQUIRIES. WE ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT

HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR REQUESTS AND WE UNDERSTAND FROM SR.  
ARIAS LETTER THAT MANY REQUESTS ARE BEING SENT DIRECTLY  
TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT. EATON

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